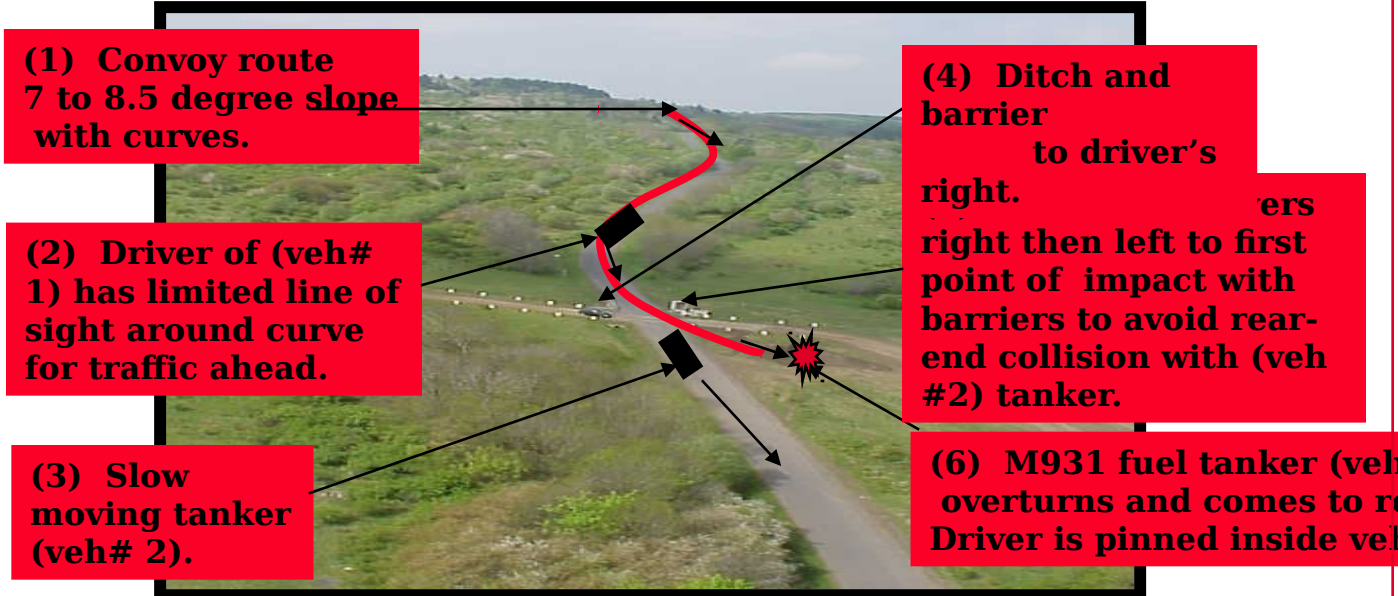




1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AMV ACCIDENT PREVENTION SAFETY ALERT



SAFE CONVOY OPERATIONS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!!!



Causal Factors

- **Speed - Driving too fast for load and road environment.**
- **Overconfidence in his driving ability and knowledge of vehicle characteristics**

A soldier was fatally injured when his M931w/M969A2 trailer (veh #1) left the road and overturned while attempting to avoid a rear-end collision with a fuel tanker (veh #2) directly ahead of him.

The driver in veh #2, led a convoy of four vehicles down a steep grade. After veh #2 rounded a sharp curve, the driver slowed to 3 to 5 mph to allow time for veh #1 to catch up. As veh #1 rounded

the same curve, the driver of vehicle #1 suddenly saw veh # 2 in the road. Realizing that he was too close and moving too fast to stop safely, he attempted to brake and maneuver veh #1 to avoid a collision with veh #2. Veh #1 maneuvered right then left before impacting several concrete barriers and overturning. No seat belt was worn!

Lessons Learned

Adjust speed to driving environment, load conditions, and vehicle load!

- ✓ **Safe convoy route selection is absolutely essential!**
- ✓ **Enforce seatbelt usage**
- ✓ **Ensure vehicle crew are well rested prior to a mission.**

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